



WELCOME TO
Epping Church
 WKLY NEWSLETTERS

29/8/19

If you have anything to share with the church, please don't hesitate to contact us on the below emails.
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[more info below!](#)

EVENTS

August 31	Father's Day Breakfast @Epping Church 9AM
September 7	Teen Service
September 8	Photo Club starts, info further below. Contact Alvin (ajing@lightandmotionphotography.com) or Rod (rodkuo@yahoo.com) for further information
September 27-29	Pathfinder Expedition
September 29	Recipe Club meeting 1.30pm in the church hall. For further details please talk to Rochelle and Benita.

PRAYER REQUEST

- Please pray for all our Epping Church Bible Study Groups
- Please pray for all the members of our local and global church
- Please pray for Blacktown ADRA in providing service to the needy, particularly with limited resources
- Pray for my Macquarie Uni Adventist club that we continue to grow and gain influence at Macquarie Uni
- Pray for future campus ministry groups across Sydney
- Pray for the establishment of an official Adventist Group at Sydney University

THIS SABBATH @EPPING

Elder: Arthur

Speaker: Pastor Nigel

Offering: Hurstville School
Scholarship

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Last Sabbath

We had Pastor David Currie and his daughter, Althea Mason as our speakers. The sermon title was "For such a time as this" and this section of verse comes from Esther 4:10. Pr Currie spoke about the Kristen Jade Rescue Centre in Thailand and the wonderful experiences he has had, especially with the young people there. Althea's journey with ICC commenced in 2009 and in 2014, she became the Administrator of the Children's Home there and has become "Mum" to 80 children in the Rescue Centre and surrounding Refugee Camps. Since then she has experienced many situations where she has had to rely on God to help provide finances and services to help in the running of the Centre.

So how can we help be the difference in someone's life?

1) Fundraise for a good cause 2) Volunteer 3) Sponsor a child <https://wra.org.au/1809rescuecentre> 4) Pray without ceasing.

Althea also took the Children's Story.



Fathers day

BREAKFAST



SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

EPPING SDA CHURCH HALL

AT 9:00AM

*Please bring your Dad and other special men in
your lives to this event as we celebrate them!*

NOTICE BOARD

LIGHT AND MOTION PHOTOGRAPHY



E P P I N G C H U R C H P H O T O G R A P H Y C L U B

Light and Motion Photography 's Alvin Ing and Andy Ly, together with Epping SDA Church, are commencing a photography club with the aim of providing a safe and educational environment for field trips and photographic excursions. There will be four organised field trips each year, including some weekend and overnight mini-expeditions.

The annual cost is a minimum of \$100 donation, with all proceeds to the Epping Mission Project. Previous projects have supported ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) missions in Vanuatu, as well as schools in Sri Lanka, Cambodia and the Philippines. Those new to photography and first time visitors may attend the first field trip for free.

To join, click the below E-giving link, then click the "Show other Offerings" tab, and choose "Epping Mission Project". Please email the receipt to ajing@lightandmotionphotography.com <https://egiving.org.au/Epping%20SDA%20Church>

Included in the joining fee is access to all supervised field trips with personal guidance and instruction, as well as a regular newsletter which will share educational articles on photography, and feature images from members of the club. Weekend and overnight field trips will incur additional transport and accommodation costs.

The first field trip is scheduled for *Sunday September 8, 2019*; when we will visit the *Blue Mountains and walk the Valley of the Waters* track at Wentworth Falls. The highlight of the walk are the multiple magnificent waterfalls along the route. More details on joining. The second field trip is planned for Sunday December 8, 2019.

Hoping to see you all in the field!

DETAILS AND CONTACT: ajing@lightandmotionphotography.com

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

WEEK TWENTY FIVE

**"Be an example...in word, in conduct,
in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity".**

1 Timothy 4:12

To all our valued supporters,

To say the year has been one of change would be an understatement. As I reflect on the last year, and what we have been able to achieve at Light of Hope Cambodia, I am humbled and filled with hope for the future. Humbled because of the journey of faith in which we are being led. At times things were uncertain, but God has provided us with tangible signs that He is with us and not once did we lack for what we needed. I am filled with hope for the future because I see the lives of children and families impacted daily, both for now and eternity.

Our significant milestones in 2018-2019 included:

- The opportunity to build on our food production program, to increase our sustainability, with the expansion of our fruit orchard on the property.
- The implementation of two kindergarten classrooms for early childhood learning.
- The 100% pass rate of all students completing government exams.
- The graduation of several university trained students who are now independent and dutifully employed.
- The opportunity to build capacity in our in-country staff through training and personal development programs.

I acknowledge that these successes and others must be attributed to the dedication of many – from the generous and unwavering support of our donors and volunteers, and the care and commitment of our staff in-country, to the determination of the youth and children in our care who have gladly made the most of the opportunities set in front of them.

Continuing in through 2019, our challenge for the future and what drives us is our plan to implement more community development projects. It is easy to become complacent about the situation of so many when we sit inside the confines of the Light of Hope property where essential daily needs are met. A trip into the nearby villages opens your eyes to the immense need still out there in the rural provinces of Cambodia. Needs in the area of health, hygiene and education, amongst others.

Without you, our incredible supporters, Light of Hope Cambodia could not fulfil its objectives to improve the lives of some of Cambodia's most vulnerable. As always, your generosity is very much appreciated!

We look forward to continuing the journey that God has taken each of us on in service of the precious lives in Cambodia; as donors, as volunteers and as staff members.

Yours sincerely,



Sherree Hughes

Light Of Hope Project Manager

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5

To make your valued donation go to www.wra.org.au/1808lightofhope

Thank you for your continued support!

Your generous continued support of at-risk children in Cambodia through Light of Hope is bringing about great change in some very precious young lives. Thank you! "Ignite Hope" funds go straight to the front line, finding children who are suffering from abuse, abandonment or dire poverty, and are severely at risk, and turning their lives around. Here are just two examples from the past year:

Meet Asa and Ase



Asa and Ase are young brothers who have seen more than their fair share of heartache in their few years. They were part of an impoverished, yet happy and loving family when their father was tragically killed in a motorbike accident. He did not die immediately, and in trying to save his life, substantial medical bills were accumulated. This left the young mother of Asa and Ase in a difficult situation where she now had to support them alone in addition to paying off the medical debt. She worked hard in every daylight hour to provide for her boys. Asa and Ase's mother was so exhausted that she became ill and did not have the time or the money to seek medical care. Tragically, she died at home with only the boys present. Asa and Ase were bought to live with their grandmother who cared for them for several years. Grandma loves the boys, but she is often sick and has to spend extended periods in hospital and is unable to care for Asa and Ase any longer. Asa and Ase now live at Light of Hope, but they go to visit Grandma often as she lives relatively close to the centre. She is so happy to see them growing up in a safe and secure environment.

Meet Panha



Panha grew up in a remote village in rural Cambodia. His mother fell pregnant with him while in Thailand where she had been trafficked against her will. She was a perfectly normal 16yr old girl before she left her family village, but upon return had been so mentally damaged that she was now operating at around the age of a crazed six-year-old. Panha spent the first five years of his life raised by his mother in the village where local neighbours would help and support the single mother as they were able. As Panha grew older, his mother was no longer able to control him, and she started to seriously hurt him to control his boyish behaviour. Neighbours noticed this mistreatment and asked Light of Hope to come and help Panha. When the social workers arrived at the village, it was clearly evident that Panha was not being cared for well. He had burns and bruising all over his body. When Panha came to live at Light of Hope Cambodia he did not play with the other children and his behaviour was unusual, but over time Panha has settled well to his new home and now is enjoying the happy and carefree life that every six-year-old child has the right to.

These are just some of the children whose lives have been filled with hope because of the generosity of donors like you.

Thank you for supporting me and loving me!

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MEMORY VERSES

Week 23

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong"

1 Corinthians 16:13

Week 24

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God"

Micah 6:8

Week 25

"Be an example...in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity".

1 Timothy 4:12

MEMORY VERSES

Week 15

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me".

Psalms 50:15

Week 16

"For if we live, we live in the Lord; and if we die, we die in the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's".

Romans 14:8

Week 17

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart".

Psalms 27:14

Week 18

"Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say. "Here I am".

Isaiah 58:9

Week 19

"For I, the Lord Your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you"

Isaiah 41:13

Week 20

"But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness"

Romans 4:5

Week 21

"For as the lightening flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the son of Man comes".

Matthew 24:27

Week 22

"Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him, even they who pierced Him".

Revelations 1:7

MEMORY VERSES

Week 8:

"The Lord shall prevail you from all evil"

Psalms 121:7

Week 9:

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy"

Psalms 126:5

Week 10

"Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life."

Revelation 2:10

Week 11

"He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways."

Psalms 91:11

Week 12

"Whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."

Luke 9:24

Week 13

"When they bring you to the....magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say".

Luke 12: 11-12

Week 14

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs :5-6

MEMORY VERSES

Week 1:

"To the law and to the testimony! If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" Isa 8:20

Week 2:

"These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. But I am not surprised! Even satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve" 2 Corinthians 11 13:-15

Week 3:

"To obey is better than sacrifice" 1 Samuel 15:22

Week 4:

"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead , if possible, even the elect." Matthew 24:24

Week 5:

"If you are told that the Messiah is out in the desert don't go there! And if you are told that He is in some secret place, don't believe it!"

Matthew 24:26

Week 6:

"And although I...understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith...but have not love, I am nothing"

1 Corinthians 13:2

Week 7:

"Do not lose your courage...keep on patiently doing God's will...His coming will not be delayed much longer"

Hebrews 10:35-37

MATURITY

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Maturity comes in all shapes and sizes and means different things to different people. A young person, because of challenging life circumstances, may actually be very mature. On the other hand, an older person who refuses to learn from their mistakes or let go of their selfish ways, may be very immature.

I remember reading an amusing quip once that maturity is when a teenager realizes that the volume knob also turns to the left. One that I have tucked away in my personal list of proverbs to live by says that maturity is when you can be happy for someone else's good fortune without whining, "But what about me?"

Edwin Cole made the astute observation that "maturity does not come with age, but begins with the acceptance of responsibility." This is true in life as it is in spirituality. Like a child, many Christians want the blessings of God, without any regard for the responsibility that goes with being a child of God. In this matter, age is not a reliable indicator. A youth may be a mature Christian, pleasing to God; while a Christian, mature in years, may still be a spiritual child and test God's patience. My recommendation is to let the Holy Spirit into your life and let Him teach you spiritual responsibility that you may grow in grace.

"... and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator"
Colossians 3:10